



MONTANA

Martin Luther King Day activities

“Everyone can be great because everyone can serve”.

The mission of the King Day of Service is to honor, celebrate, and memorialize the life, ideals, and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through increased participation in service on the King Holiday and throughout the year. Through this day of service, we hope to engage a broad diversity of individuals and entire communities in service to advance Dr. King’s vision for a Beloved Community that empowers individuals to take action to address individual and community needs; that promotes social justice; that fosters teaching and reflection about Dr. King’s life and the civil rights movement; and that inspires participants to continue to embrace his legacy through ongoing community action.

We invite you to take a look at the following events, which have been developed in part by our National Service projects, and choose an activity near you to join in and support:

Anaconda

Montana Tech **January, 2008**

Heather Corcoran, the team leader from Montana Tech, wants the youth of Anaconda to learn about the cultural diversity within their community. The Martin Luther King Day project will celebrate different ethnic backgrounds by hanging small flags representing the nationality makeup of Anaconda in the elementary, middle and high schools. In order to raise money to purchase the flags, penny jars will be placed in every classroom.

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Billings

MSU—Billings **January 21, 2008**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Bell Ringing and “Day of Service” Program Sponsored By:

- The Office for Community Involvement/AmeriCorps Team
- Multicultural Student Services
- United Campus Ministry
- Native American Studies Program

The first part of the ceremony is the bell-ringing. That is outside at the MSU-B bell (on the east side of the Peaks to Plains Park) at 9:45 a.m. After that, we walk inside to the Student Union Building atrium for the program (approx. 10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.).

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Yellowstone Boys & Girls Club

Monday, January 2, 2008 from 9am-11am

St. Vincent Healthcare FGP, Yellowstone County RSVP, VISTA members, Yellowstone County Boys & Girls Club, and the Yellow Bus School Supply Store are partnering on an MLK Day event, "Operation Kids Care". Volunteers will work with the youth to make cards and letter for soldiers in a combat military hospital.

Billings

Not in Our Town



For more information please click on the link below.

<http://www.freewebs.com/niotbillings/mlkj2008.htm>

Bozeman

Procrastinator Theatre

Monday, January 21' 2008 at 7pm

RSVP has partnered with local VISTA members to screen the Civil Rights video "The Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks". This film revisits the revolution sparked by Rosa Parks on December 1, 1955.

Her simple act of defiance against racial segregation on city buses inspired the African American community of Montgomery, Alabama to unite against the segregationist who ran City Hall. Over the course of a year, the Montgomery Bus Boycott would test the endurance of the peaceful protesters, overturn an unjust law and create a legacy that continues to inspire those who work for freedom and justice today. "Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks" revisits this familiar historical event and finds new stories that introduce new heroes. The film will show at the Procrastinator Theatre in Bozeman, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. Admittance is FREE, but attendees are encouraged to bring a can of food to donate to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank or a cash donation to benefit Volunteer Connections of Southwest Montana.

January 23, 2008 - SUB Ballrooms. **Peggy McIntosh**, associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, will present the Martin Luther King Jr. lecture. She is the author of "White Privilege: Unpacking the invisible Knapsack" (1989). The lecture is free and open to the public. MSU Women's Center For more information contact: 994-3836

*Florence***Western Montana Literacy Support Corps****Monday January 21, 2008**

The goal of this project is to acknowledge, observe and celebrate diversity among youth and seniors in the Florence community. We will be hosting a luncheon for Seniors Citizens and Middle School students at Florence School. Members will facilitate a conversation that encourages participants to share their life experiences growing up in the first half of the 20th century and the early 21st Century. Common questions will inspire different descriptions of environmental, educational, social, cultural and economic circumstances. The luncheon will be documented and shared at the school, the community church, the Ravalli County Council on Aging and to the Florence community at the Farmers State Bank.

*Contact***Allison Kinney****Family Resource Centers****Bitterroot Program Coordinator****akinney@wordinc.org**

*Glendive***Dawson/Wibaux County RSVP****Monday, January 21, 2008**

Dawson/Wibaux RSVP volunteers will be working toward the goal of eliminating hunger in our area. Volunteers will meet at the local site for the Senior Commodity Food Program (SCFP) to bag groceries for 42 low- income seniors and then proceed to deliver the groceries to eligible seniors on the program.

*Great Falls***North Central MT RSVP Office or Great Falls Community Recreation Center****Monday, January 21, 2008**

North Central MT Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Cascade County Foster Grandparents, Prevention Resource Center AmeriCorps VISTA, Rocky MT Development Council Senior Companion Program, and City of Great Falls Community Recreation Center have partnered to help US airman give items to Iraqi children. TRAVEL SIZE items will be collected such as the following: lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, combs, ziplock baggies, and postcards with pictures of MT. Cash donations are also needed to pay for shipping. Donations can be dropped off at the RSVP office 1004 Central Ave 2nd Floor in Great Falls or the Great Falls Community Recreation Center. Please drop off donations between now and January 21st. For more information please call 454-6994.

Centerville Learn & Serve**Monday, January 21, 2008**

Our mission for this years MLK Day is the "Souper Bowl of Caring". We are going to hold a drive for a local food bank in Great Falls. For more information contact peggyp@centerville.k12.mt.us

Great Falls Human Rights Coalition

Free Screening of "Citizen King"

Saturday, January 19th

2:00 PM

First Congregational Church (2900 9th Ave.)

Free and Open to the Public

For more information contact: kim@mhrn.org or 442-5506 X15

Hamilton

Bitterroot Human Rights Alliance

13th Annual MLK Day Celebration

Sunday, January 20th

Potluck with Guest Speaker, Christine Kaufmann

First Presbyterian Church (1220 W. Main St.)

6:00 to 9:00 PM

For more information contact: blacroix@cybernet1.com

Hardin

Boys & Girls Club in Hardin

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 2:30pm

St. Vincent Healthcare FGP, VISTA members, the Boys & Girls Club in Hardin, and the Yellow Bus School Supply Store are partnering on an MLK Day event, "Operation Kids Care". Volunteers will work with the youth to make cards and letter for soldiers in a combat military hospital.

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MSU—Northern

January, 2008

Our MLK service project is to have an essay contest opened to all (public, private, and home schooled) 6th through 8th grade students. The students are asked to select one of Martin Luther King Jr. quotes from four offered and base a 300-500 word essay on that quote. The essays will be judged by SEA members from MSU-Northern, based on the following categories: Position Statement and Support, Evidence and Examples Sentence Structure Grammar, Spelling, Capitalization, and Punctuation All entries are to be submitted to the MT Campus Corps office by January 8th. The winner will be announced on MLK Day. The winner will receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond provided by Wells Fargo Bank, a personalized plaque provided by MT Campus Corps, and an opportunity to be published in the Havre Daily News. The Havre Campus Corps Team Leader, Sue Crowe, is also creating a pamphlet of Montana's ethnic heritage to illustrate the wide range of diversity within the state. The Northern Campus Corps team will distribute the information to local middle schools.

Helena

Carroll College**Monday, January 21, 2008**

The Helena Campus Corps team, led by Heather Hass, will be holding their annual diversity fair on January 21st at Bryant Elementary School gym from 1-4pm. For more information please contact:

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Helena Human Rights Taskforce

Free Screening of Citizen King

Sunday, January 20th

7:00 PM

Neighborhood Center (200 S. Cruse)

For more information contact: ajames@gmail.com

Montanans for Corporate Accountability

Public Service Commissioner Ken Toole

“Martin Luther King, Corporate Power, and Energy Issues”

Monday, January 21st

7:00 PM

Neighborhood Center (200 South Cruse)

Free and Open to the Public

For more information contact: corp@mhrn.org or 442-5506 X18

Livingston

Tri-County Network Against Sexual & Domestic Violence**Monday, January 21, 2008**

RSVP volunteers will partner with Livingston High School students to create blankets for The Tri-County Network Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Missoula

Project Homeless Connect**Thursday, January 31, 2008 from 10am-3pm**

On Thursday, January 31st from 10am to 3pm, several Missoula area organizations and agencies are sponsoring “Project Homeless Connect”, which is providing free services for individuals that are homeless or worried about becoming homeless. The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main (across from the Library). Services offered will include medical care, dental care, housing/shelter information, family services, senior services, credit reports, pet services, employment, clothing, haircuts, food and more. If you have questions please call Melissa at 258-4980. If you want to volunteer for the event, call Leah at 543-6691.

Montana Human Rights Network

Film: "Citizen King"

Friday, January 18th

Wilma Theater, 131 S. Higgins, Missoula

For Tickets and information: www.mhrn.org or call 442-5506 x12

YWCA MISSOULA

"Rally Aims to Keep King's Dream Alive"

On Monday, Jan. 21, YWCA Missoula will co-sponsor events to commemorate Martin Luther King's life and dream of racial justice.

A rally at Caras Park will begin at 5:15 p.m. Kao Nou Thao, a facilitator with the Missoula chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute will speak and local activist and singer-songwriter Amy Martin will perform.

Thao, who is 23, plans to talk about her experience growing up in Missoula as a young person of color. Thao was born in Missoula to a Hmong family and struggled to sort out many "mixed messages" from growing up in a mostly-white community.

"On the one hand, people were like, 'Your social justice work is good, and we're so proud of you for doing this in your hometown,' but I also heard things like, 'Go back to your country,' and 'Speak English,'" Thao said.

Thao said leaving her hometown during college helped her realize she wanted to return to Missoula to work for justice, even though this was the community in which she had experienced the most overt racism. She hopes to draw parallels to King's efforts to empower young people to fight for what they believe in.

"Especially with election coming up, and the importance of the young turnout, I'd like to remind people that in King's time, young people were known in their communities as activists, and they organized around issues and made change," she said.

After the Caras rally, the celebration will move to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where at 5:45 p.m., UM law professor Ray Cross will deliver the keynote address. The church choir will sing, youth essayists and poets will be recognized for their contributions toward ending racism and organizers will collect donations for the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington, D.C. *Other sponsors of Martin Luther King Day events include the Missoula Advocates for Human Rights, YWCA, UM Excellence Fund, UM Foundation, Hide and Sole, University Congregational Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church.*

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Pablo

Salish Kootenai College January 15-17, 2008

The Campus Corps team, along with Area VI Agency on Aging RSVP and FGP, and the SKC community will be holding a three day MLK Diversity Celebration:

| Tuesday, Jan. 15; noon; Three Wolves Building | Wednesday, Jan. 16; noon; Three Wolves Building | Thursday, Jan. 17; noon and evening; Joe McDonald Health & Fitness Center |
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| Opening – Student Drum Group Song | Opening – N'Kusm Students Local Schools' Presentation | Opening – Chief Cliff Drum Group |

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| People Chain MLK Speech MLK Slide Show Justice Film Series (library) | Justice Film Series (library) | Tolerance/Diversity Fair –12- 3 pm Justice Film Series (library) Evening Event, 6 – 9 pm: Meal/Awards Presentation World Peace/Spirituality Panel |
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Sidney

Communities In Action & RSVP

Monday, January 21, 2008

RSVP will be giving out 1000 carnations with a Random Act of Kindness card asking them to “Pass It On”. They will also be speaking at two elementary schools on that day encouraging the kids to commit Random Acts of Kindness. Along with flower distribution and speaking at the elementary schools, RSVP will be teaming up with local VISTA members to do construction work on the home of a single mother of 4 children.